

Chairman Julius Genachowski Federal Communications Commission 445 12th Street, SW Washington, D.C. 20554

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Dear Chairman Genachowski:

I'm writing in response to your call for comments regarding the proposed AT&T/T-Mobile merger, on the Commission's 11-65 docket. I am optimistic about the opportunities and advantages that this merger can bring to my community.

At the Bar Harbor Chamber of Commerce, we focus our efforts on furthering tourism to Bar Harbor and to the adjacent Acadia National Park. Our chamber publishes regional guidebooks, coordinates lodging for business and board meetings, serves as a source of information and resources, and promotes our tourism industry. Like many other smaller communities, access to the newest technologies can be a challenge for us, too. And a lack of access to the fastest, most advanced wireless broadband technologies can limit our region's potential, especially with business travelers, who need reliable access to high-speed broadband while visiting our area.

Fortunately, the proposed merger would expand access to mobile broadband to many small and rural areas. This technology will encourage opportunities throughout our area, and it will also help us to grow our tourism industry and increase the efficacy of our promotion efforts. Widespread access to wireless broadband is a critical step to help communities like ours continue to thrive in the 21st century. This merger is a fast way for us to take that step and achieve that access, and I hope you will support it.

If you haven't had a chance to visit Bar Harbor and Acadia National Park, I'd like to invite you to do so. Our majestic community has many year-round attractions, events, and activities to offer, and we'd love to welcome you anytime.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely.

Chris Fogg

Executive Director

Bar Harbor Chamber of Commerce

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